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1. Business in Peiping is in a state of stagnation and downtown shopping areas are almost deserted. Peddlers, however, are becoming more numerous. The new peddler group is composed largely of business and professional people who have been forced to sell their belongings. Strikes and depressed business conditions have deprived thousands of businessmen of their employment.
2. The Shih Ching Shan Steel Works, a government-owned plant in Peiping, faces a decline in production. Workers are dissatisfied with a reduction in pay and have staged two strikes in this connection. In late May or early June 1949, one important building of this plant was burned down. The Communist press announced carelessness in smoking as the cause, but some form of sabotage is not impossible in view of the reported dissatisfaction among the workers.
3. All principals of high schools and primary schools in Peiping and Tientsin have been superseded by Communist Party members. A great proportion of the teachers in these schools also have been replaced by party members or party-sponsored men. As a result, from eight hundred to one thousand high school and primary school teachers are unemployed.

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